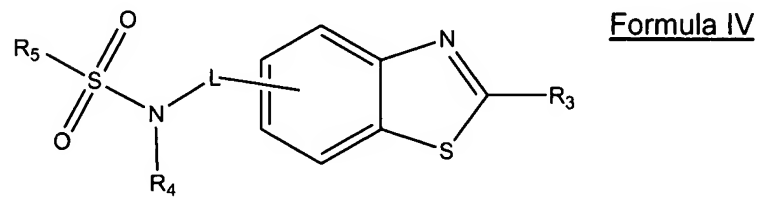
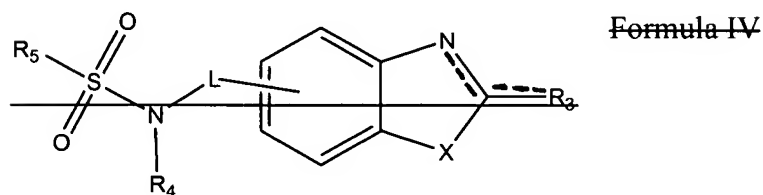


Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A compound having Formula IV



~~wherein each dotted line optionally represents a double bond;~~

~~wherein R₃ is H or a substituent selected from hydrocarbyl, -S hydrocarbyl, halogen and N(R₉)(R₁₀), wherein each of R₉ and R₁₀ are independently selected from H and hydrocarbyl groups;~~

~~L is absent or is -CH₂-;~~

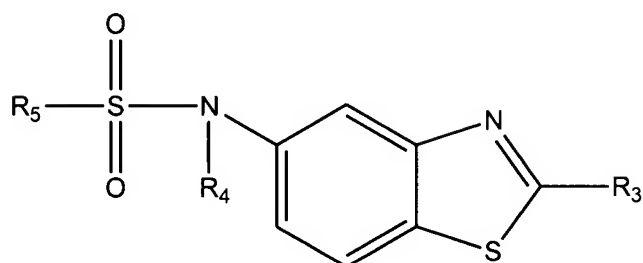
~~wherein R₄ is selected from H and hydrocarbyl;~~

~~wherein R₅ is an optionally a substituted aryl ring;~~

~~or a salt thereof.~~

Claims 2-10. **(Cancelled)**

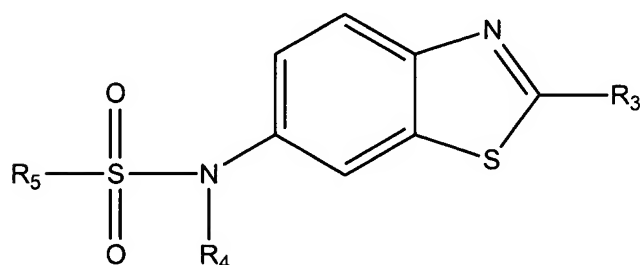
11. **(Original)** A compound according to claim 1 having Formula VI



Formula VI

or a salt thereof.

12. **(Original)** A compound according to claim 1 having Formula VII



Formula VII

or a salt thereof.

13. **(Cancelled)**

14. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is selected from H and C_1 - C_{10} alkyl groups.

15. **(Original)** A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is $-CH_3$.

Claims 16-25. **(Cancelled)**

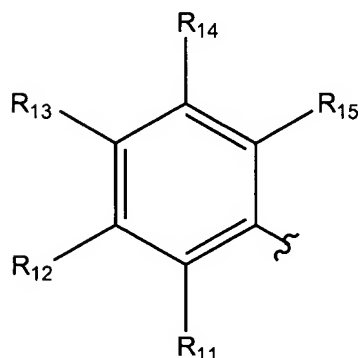
26. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_4 is selected from H and C_1 - C_{10} alkyl groups.

27. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim 26 wherein R_4 is a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group.

28. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim 26 wherein $[[R_3]]$ $\underline{R_4}$ is a C₁-C₃ alkyl group.

Claims 29-34. **(Cancelled)**

35. **(Original)** A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₅ is a group having the formula



wherein each of R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from H, halogen, and hydrocarbyl groups.

36. **(Original)** A compound according to claim 35 wherein each of R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from H, halogen, alkyl, phenyl, O-alkyl, O-phenyl, nitrile, haloalkyl, carboxyalkyl, -CO₂H, CO₂alkyl, and NH-acetyl groups.

37. **(Original)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 optionally admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, excipient or adjuvant.

Claims 38-62. **(Cancelled)**

63. **(Original)** A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₃ is a C₁-C₆ alkyl group.

64. **(Original)** A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₃ is a C₁-C₃ alkyl group.